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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION: LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HEARS NORTH
KOREA PERM OBSERVER

1. TWO FRIENDLY LATIN AMERICAN SOURCES HAVE GIVEN ARA
AREA ADVISER FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON APPEARANCE OF DPRK
PERM OBSERVERS KWON MIN JUN AT LA GROUP MEETING NOV. 6.
THIS GENERALLY CONFORMS TO INFORMATION PASSED ON TO US BY
ROK MISOFF, ALSO BASED ON FRIENDLY LA SOURCES.

2. LA GROUP, WHICH HAD BEEN CONVOKED PRIMARILY TO
DISCUSS OTHER SUBJECTS, HAD AGREED TO HEAR KWON AT LATTER'S
REQUEST, ALL LA DELEGATIONS EXCEPT PERUVIAN WERE REPRESENTED,
BUT WITH ONLY ABOUT THREE PERM REPS AND THE REST AT LOWER
LEVELS. KWON'S PRESENTATION WAS NON-POLEMIC AND RATHER
DULL, MADE IN KOREAN WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER
ALONGSIDE, WHO WAS THEN TRANSLATED BY UN INTERPRETERS
INTO SPANISH AND FRENCH.

3. KWON AVOIDED CRITICISM OF ROK, ALTHOUGH HE DID CRITICIZE
US. HE MADE FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS:

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(A) PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE THROUGH RED CROSS LEVEL TALKS IN FAMILY REUNIONS, ETC.

(B) KOREAN REUNIFICATION SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ELECTIONS OR PLEBISCITE IN ALL OF KOREA, BUT FREE ELECTIONS IMPOSSIBLE WITH CONTINUED ILLEGAL PRESENCE OF TROOPS FROM IMPERIALIST POWER, THESE TROOPS HAVING ALREADY EXERTED PRESSURE AND INTIMIDATION IN SOUTH KOREAN ELECTIONS; HENCE FURTHER PROGRESS IN TALKS WITH ROK ON REUNIFICATION IS NOT POSSIBLE UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

(C) UN COMMAND AND USE OF UN FLAG SHOULD BE TERMINATED, AND FOREIGN TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

(D) FACT THAT ONE PART OF KOREA IS INTERESTED IN SEPARATE UN MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT MEAN THE OTHER IS ALSO INTERESTED; FUTURE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD BE AS UNIFIED KOREA, ALTHOUGH DPRK COULD AGREE TO EARLIER SINGLE MEMBERSHIP AS CONFEDERATION.

(E) DPRK HOPES FOR SATISFACTORY SOLUTION SO THAT NEW ARMED CONFLICT CAN BE AVOIDED. (CHAIRMAN OF LA GROUP, WHO WAS ONE OF OUR SOURCES, INTERPRETED THIS AS IMPLIED THREAT.)

WHILE KWON MENTIONED TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, HE DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS, ALTHOUGH RELATIONSHIP OF ABOVE POINTS TO RESOLUTIONS WAS OBVIOUS TO LISTENERS.

4. MEMBERS OF LA GROUP PRESENT DID NOT SEEM MUCH IMPRESSED BY PRESENTATION, WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY ONLY A COUPLE OF PERFUNCTORY QUESTIONS TO SPARE KWON EMBARRASSMENT OF TOTAL SILENCE. NO ONE PICKED UP LITERATURE HE LEFT BEHIND.

5. COMMENT: WHILE LA'S OFTEN ASSEMBLE AS GROUP TO HEAR FROM OTHER PERMREPS, NORTH KOREAN PRESENTATION TO THEM IS SIGNIFICANT AS DEMONSTRATION OF DPRK'S INTENSIVE LOBBYING EFFORTS THERE SINCE OPENING OF ITS OBSERVER MISSION. NORTH KOREANS ALSO CALLING ON LA DELEGATIONS INDIVIDUALLY, INCLUDING SOME COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESOLUTION. ROK REPS OF COURSE CONTINUING TO COURT LAS WITH CONSIDERABLY MORE SUCCESS. ROK PERM OBSERVER HOSTED LUNCHEON FOR LA PERM REPS LAST WEEK AND ALL INCLUDING GUYANA ATTENDED.
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